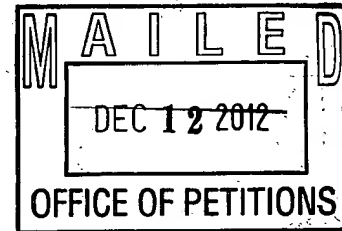




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In re Patent No. 5,927,987  
Issue Date: July 27, 1999  
Application No. 09/002,155  
Filed: December 31, 1997  
Title of Invention: INTERACTIVE MODULAR  
EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c)<sup>1</sup>, filed October 25, 2012, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

Any petition for reconsideration of this decision must be accompanied by the petition fee of \$400 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f). The petition for reconsideration must include the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

The patent issued July 27, 1999. The patent expired for failure to timely pay the third maintenance fee. The window for payment of the third maintenance fee installment with a surcharge closed on July 27, 2011.

This petition, however, lacks compliance with item (1) under 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Effective October 5, 2012, the maintenance fee for a small entity was set at \$2405.00, not \$2365.00, and the surcharge for an unintentional delay was set at \$1640.00. A review of the materials filed for reinstatement of the instant patent reveals that a check in the amount of \$4005.00 was submitted. In so much as the funds submitted were insufficient and since no other payment means have been provided in the event of deficiencies, this petition is not grantable.

<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.378(c) provides that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must be filed within twenty-four months of the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) and must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.20(l)(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.

Finally, the address of record is different from that which appears in the petition. If petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding any Maintenance Fee Reminder which may be mailed concerning this patent, a Fee Address should be submitted to Maintenance Fee Division.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia Faison-Ball". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'P' and 'B'.

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